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1. ☐ the Tallin Naval Shipyard manufactures for the DOSAAF of the USSR special
purpose sporting rifles of the 'Tallin Arsenal' type. The Tallin Arsenal rifles
are especially adapted for target shooting and have proved to be excellent for
this purpose.

2. ☐ The technical data of the Tallin Arsenal rifle are:

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Caliber	5.5 mm
Weight	7 kg
Length of rifle	122.5 cm
" " barrel	74.8 cm
" " groove	405 cm
Diameter of barrel at muzzle	25 mm
" " " " breech end	29 mm
Number of grooves	6
Weight of cartridge	3.6 gr
" " bullet	2.6 gr

The rifle is used for target shooting at distances
of 25-200 meters.

3. ☐ This rifle is an old Estonian specialty invented by Colonel Johannes Siir and manu-
factured by the Tallin Arsenal works of the Ministry for Defense before World War II.
With this rifle Estonian riflemen won several world championships

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☐ Soviet constructors have perfected it now, [1954] and new types
under the brands 'Mts-12' and 'MTsV-50' are being manufactured by Soviet rifle works.

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